# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12 Of Rapides Parish

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Board of Directors Fire Protection District No. 12 Cheneyville, LA 71325

We have reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management of the Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The management of the Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying basic financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information was not audited, reviewed, or compiled by us and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated May 12, 2014, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

ROZIER, HARRINGTON, & MCKAY

Certified Public Accountants

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS December 31, 2013

This section of the annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Fire District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Fire District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Fire District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These financial statements report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Fire District's assets and all of the Fire District's liabilities. All of the Fire District's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by property taxes, related revenue sharing, grants and proceeds from debt.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Fire District's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Fire District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. The Fire District only has one governmental fund. This fund is used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund uses a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Fire District's finances. Assets reported by governmental fund are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

·A comparative analysis of the government-wide data for the current and previous year is presented as follows:

#### **Net Position**

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

	December 31,					
	2013			2012		
Assets:		<del></del>				
Current and Other Assets	\$	426,843	\$	294,016		
Capital Assets, net		. 477,288		556,015		
Total Assets		904,131		850,031		

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS December 31, 2013

Liabilities:			
Current and Other Liabilities		24,009	36,210
Long-term Debt Payable		_83,143	 171,759
Total Liabilities	•	107,152	207,969
Net Position:			
Invested in Capital Assets, net		372,660	349,516
Unrestricted		424,319	292,546
Total Net Assets	\$	796,979	\$ 642,062

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, a portion of the Fire District's net position (46%) is invested in capital assets. Net position invested in capital assets consist of land, buildings, and equipment, less any debt used to acquire the assets that remain outstanding. The Fire District uses these capital assets to provide fire protection and other services to local residents; consequently, these amounts are not available for future spending.

The remaining net assets (54%) are unrestricted and may be used to meet the Fire District's ongoing obligations.

## Changes in Net Position

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Changes in Net Position is presented as follows:

	For	the Year End 2013	led December 31, 2012		
Revenues:	<u></u>				
Program Revenues:				_	
Insurance Rebate	\$	6,418	\$	5,613	
Operating Grants and Contributions					
Capital Grants and Contributions		3,414			
General Revenue:					
Ad valorem Taxes		297,254		302,088	
Other		1,464		21	
Total Revenues		308,550		307,722	
Program Expenses:					
Fire Protection		153,633		167,155	
Total Program Expenses		153,633		167,155	
Change in Net Position		154,917		140,567	
Net Position Beginning		642,062		501,495	
Net Position Ending	\$	796,979	<u> </u>	642,062	

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS December 31, 2013

As the accompanying presentation demonstrates, the Fire District's net position increased \$154,917. This increase is attributable to the increase in property tax revenues generated from tax assessments on natural gas lines constructed and placed in service within the District.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT'S FUND

For the year ended December 31, 2013, differences between the government-wide presentation and the fund financial statements were limited to the reporting of the depreciation of capital assets and debt service obligations.

#### **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

State law requires the Fire District to have a budget. A summary of the general fund budget compared to actual amounts is presented as follows:

	_	Original Budget Amounts		Amended Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Budget Positive (Negative)		
Total Revenues Total Expenditures	\$	270,275 270,275	\$	298,303 298,303	\$	308,550 176,777	\$	10,247 121,526	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$		\$		\$	131,773	\$	131,773	

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the original budget was amended to include additional revenues and expenditures.

#### CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended December 31, 2013, capital outlay activity consisted of the purchase of communications equipment costing \$5,020.

#### **DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

For the year ended December 31, 2013, debt activity was limited to the repayment of debt principal and interest.

#### FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

## Statement of Net Position

## December 31, 2013

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 123,004
Receivables (net)	303,839
Capital Assets - Land	
Non depreciable capital assets	10,745
Depreciable capital assets, net	466,543
Total Assets	904,131
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	2,524
Long-term Debt Payable	
Due Within One Year	21,485
Due in More than One Year	83,143
Total Liabilities	107,152
NET POSITION	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	372,660
Unrestricted	424,319
Total Net Position (deficit)	\$ 796,979

## Statement of Activities

## For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

		Program Revenues							
				Opera	ating	Ca	pital		
		Char	ges for	Grant	s and	Grai	nts and	Net	(Expense)
	Expenses		rvice	Contrib	utions	Contr	ibutions	1	Revenue
Governmental Activities .	•								
Fire Protection	\$ 153,633	<u>\$</u>	6,418	\$		\$	3,414	<u>\$</u>	(143,801)
Total Governmental Activities	153,633		6,418				3,414	_	(143,801)
				Gener	al Rev	enues:			
				Prope	rty Tax	ces			297,254
	·			Other				_	1,464
				Total	Genera	al Revo	enues	_	298,718
				Chang	ge in N	et Pos	ition		154,917
				Net P	osition	- Begi	inning	_	642,062
				Net P	osition	- Endi	ing	<u>\$</u>	796,979

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds December 31, 2013

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				eneral Fund
Assets: Cash Receivables			\$	123,004 303,839
Total Assets			<u>\$</u>	426,843
Liabilities and Fund Balances: Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable  Total Liabilities			\$	2,524 2,524
Fund Balance: Unassigned				424,319
Total Fund Balance				424,319
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance			\$	426,843
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets				
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	424,319		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:				
Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Fund Baiance Sheet		(104,628)		
Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	_	477,288		
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>s</u>	796,979		

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in

## Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 297,254
2% Insurance Rebate	6,418
Grant Proceeds	3,414
Other	1,464
Total revenues	308,550
Expenditures:	
Public Safety:	
Supplies	2,950
Fuel	7,132
Insurance	19,689
Legal and accounting	4,832
Office expense	1,595
Repairs and maintenance	14,323
Utilities and telephone	4,224
Other	5,153
Capital outlay	5,020
Debt Service	111,859
Total expenditures	176,777
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	131,773
Fund balance - beginning of year	292,546
Fund balance - end of year	<b>\$</b> 424,319

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds

\$ 131,773

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

101,871

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

• This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

(78,727)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ 154,917

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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2013

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish (the Fire District) was created to provide fire protection for portions of Rapides Parish. The Fire District was organized by joint action of the Police Jury of Parish of Rapides, and the Town of Cheneyville.

The Fire District is governed by a board of directors consisting of five members, each of which is a resident property taxpayer of the Fire District. Two members are appointed by the Rapides Parish Police Jury, two members by the Town of Cheneyville, and one member is selected by the preceding four members. The Fire District is a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the primary governing body of the Parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire District and do not present financial information on the primary government, the general government services provided by that entity, or the other governmental units that are accountable to the primary government.

The accompanying policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units.

#### Financial Reporting Entity

The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability are described as follows:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the reporting entity to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the reporting entity.
- 2. Organizations for which the reporting entity does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the reporting entity.
- Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if
  data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the
  relationship.

Based on the criteria presented above, the Fire District is a component unit of the Rapides Parish Police Jury. The accompanying component unit financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Fire Protection District No. 12 and do not present information on the police

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2013

jury, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize all of the Fire District's operations as governmental activities. Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Fire District's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Fire District as a whole. The effect of any interfund activity is eliminated from these financial statements. The government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities which are reported in the fund financial statements.

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service. Program revenues include any charges for services and any grants.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Fire District's only major fund is the general fund. This fund is the primary operating fund of the Fire District and is used to account for all resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The basis of accounting and measurement focus used for various financial statement presentations are described as follows:

Financial Statement Presentation	Basis of Accounting	Measurement Focus
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2013

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measurement focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. In addition, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt are reported as other financing sources and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Budget Practices**

Budgets of the general fund are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unexpended appropriations of this fund lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Budgets of the general fund and all changes and amendments to these budgets are approved by the Board of Directors as a whole.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets include significant acquisitions of equipment that are expected to remain in service for a period of years. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but are excluded from the fund financial statements. Instead, the funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are reported at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Deprecation is computed using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives that are based on the expected durability of the particular asset. Useful lives typically range from five to forty years.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit, and highly liquid investments. Credit risk associated with bank deposits is limited by requiring fiscal agent banks to pledge securities as required by State Law. Furthermore, interest rate risk associated with certificates of deposits is typically mitigated by purchasing instruments that mature in one year or less.

#### **NOTE 2-CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2013

At December 31, 2013, deposits were fully secured by FDIC insurance coverage.

#### **NOTE 3 - AD VALOREM TAXES**

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are collected by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office and remitted to the Fire District the month subsequent to collection.

Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed. For the year ended December 31, 2013, 11.96 mills were assessed.

#### **NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES**

At December 31, 2013, receivables were limited to ad valorem taxes and related revenue sharing collected by other governmental units on behalf of the Fire District. These amounts are considered fully collectible and there is no allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Fire District's capital assets is provided as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance	
Non Depreciable Capital Assets Land	\$ 10,74 <u>5</u>	\$	<u>s</u>	<u>\$ 10,745</u>	
Depreciable Capital Assets					
Trucks	562,973			562,973	
Building	242,270			242,270	
Equipment	244,939	5,020		249,959	
Furniture & Fixtures	7,858			7,858	
Accumulated Depreciation	(512,770)	(83,747)		(596,517)	
·	545,270	(78,727)		466,543	
Total Capital Assets	\$ 556,015	\$ (78,727)	<u>s</u>	\$ 477,288	

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 is \$83,747.

#### NOTE 6 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at December 31, 2013 consist of trade payables incurred in connection with the operation of the fire department.

#### NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt outstanding at year end consists of a loan totaling \$104,625. Long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2013, is presented as follows:

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2013

	Beginning Balance		Additions		ductions	Ending Balance	
Bonds Payable	\$ 60,005	\$		\$	60,005	\$	
Notes Payable	146,494				41,866		104,628
Total Long-term Debts	\$ 206,499	\$		\$	101,871	<u>\$</u>	<u> 104,628</u>

#### <u>Loans</u>

Details related to the debt agreements are presented as follows:

A \$171,670 loan from Red River Bank at a rate 5.5% for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck. Principal and interest will be paid monthly in equal payments of \$2,231.17 beginning June 26, 2010 and continuing for a period	
of eight years.	\$ 104,628
Amount due within one year	 21,485
Due in More than One Year	\$ 83,143

A schedule of maturities of long term debt is presented as follows:

	Loan Principal		Total Interest		
2014	\$ 21,485	\$	5,289		
2015	22,715		4,059		
2016	24,014		2,760		
2017	25,388		1,386		
2018	11,023		154		
Total	\$ 104,625	_\$_	13,648		

Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 is \$9,988.

#### **NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters.

The Fire District insures against these risks by participating in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Budget Original	Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 260,000	\$ 287,000	\$ 297,254	\$ 10,254	
2% Insurance Rebate	5,600	<i>6</i> ,420	6,418	(2.00)	
Interest	<u>.</u>	•	283	283.00	
Miscellaneous	1,175	1,468	1,181	(287.00)	
Grant Revenue	3,500	3,415	3,414	(1.00)	
Total revenues	270,275	298,303	308,550	10,247	
Expenditures: Public Safety:					
Capital outlay	159,932	128,079	5,020	123,059	
Supplies	2,000	2,900	2,950	(50)	
Fuel	6,100	5,275	7,132	(1,857)	
Insurance	18,700	19,690	19,689	1	
Legal and accounting	3,300	4,830	4,832	(2)	
Office expense	2,800	1,125	1,595	(470)	
Repairs and maintenance	24,000	15,600	14,323	1,277	
Utilities and telephone	3,500	3,800	4,224	(424)	
Other	3,840	5,144	5,153	(9)	
Debt Service	46,103	111,860	111,859	1	
Total expenditures	270,275	298,303	176,777	121,526	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	131,773	131,773	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Loan Proceeds					
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	131,773	131,773	
Fund balance - beginning of year	292,546	292,546	292,546	<del></del>	
Fund balance - end of year	\$ 292,546	\$ 292,546	\$ 424,319	<u>\$_131,773</u>	

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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors Fire Protection District No. 12 of Rapides Parish

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Fire Protection District No. 12 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Fire District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2013, included in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

#### **PUBLIC BID LAW:**

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

During the year, there were no expenditures meeting the scope of the public bid law.

#### CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

 Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of the Board Members as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of the Board Members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

## May 12, 2014

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The Fire District has no paid employees during this period.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the records obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

The Fire District has no employees for this review period; therefore, procedure is not considered necessary.

#### BUDGETING

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of both the original budget and amended budget.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the original budget by the Board of Fire Protection District No. 12 to minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting. We also traced the adoption of the amended budget by the Board of Fire Protection District No. 12 to the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting.

#### Finding 2013-1

The original budget was not adopted prior to the end of the previous fiscal year as required by State Law.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

We compared revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Unfavorable variances did not exceed five (5%) percent.

#### **ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING**

- 8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:
  - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that all payments were for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

#### May 12, 2014

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated that each check was signed and approved by the proper officials.

#### **MEETINGS**

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The Fire District is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the meeting facility. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, we could find no evidence supporting such assertion.

#### **DEBT**

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected the cash receipts journal for the period under examination and no proceeds from debt were detected.

#### ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

The Fire District has no employees for this review period. We found no payments constituting a bonus, advance or gifts being paid during the year.

#### Prior Comments and Recommendations

12. Review any prior year suggestions, recommendations, and/or comments to determine the extent to which such matters have been resolved.

We reviewed the prior year recommendations and comments as follows:

• Finding 2012-1: Expenditures exceeded budget — The District adopted an amended budget for the current year and actual expenditures did not exceed budgeted expenditures.

### May 12, 2014

• Finding 2012-2: Payment to public servant – Upon learning of the potential ethics violation, the Fire District ceased all activity with LA Pump Maintenance Services, LLC.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Fire Protection District No. 12 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

ROZIER, HARRINGTON & McKA
Certified Public Accountants

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## Managements Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

SECTION I - Re	eview Report
Finding 2013-1: Budget Adoption The Fire District did not adopt the current year original budget prior to the end of the previous fiscal year as required by State Law.	Response 2013-1: This was an over sight by the board. In the future, we will ensure that a budget is properly adopted.
SECTION II - Atte	estation Report
No findings were reported.	Response – N/A
SECTION III - Mai	nagement Letter

## Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

## SECTION I - Accountants' Report

#### Finding 2012-1: Expenditures exceeded budget

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Variances for revenue were favorable; however, actual expenditures exceeded budget by more than 5%. We also noted the format of the adopted budget is not in the budget format established by State Law.

#### Resolved:

The District's actual expenditures did not exceed budgeted expenditures during the current year.

### **SECTION II - Attestation Report**

No findings were reported.

Response – N/A

## SECTION III - Management Letter

#### Finding 2012-2: Payment to public servant

During the review period, Fire Protection District No. 12 paid LA. Pump Maintenance Service, LLC for repairs to a fire truck and other equipment. Our discussions with management found that LA. Pump Maintenance, LLC is owned by volunteer fire chief Lee Stanley. It is uncertain whether the District has committed an ethics violation. Mr. Stanley is not a Board member, immediate family of a Board member or paid employee of the Fire Protection District No. 12.. State law prohibits a public servant, his immediate family or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest from biding, or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant. The provisions of R.S. 42:1119(C)(6) state "it shall not apply to the employment of a volunteer firefighter or to any decision regarding employment of a volunteer firefighter by an agency head, a chief executive of a governmental entity, or a member of a governing authority". We recommend that the Fire Protection District No. 12 request a ruling from the Louisiana Board of Ethics before entering into future transactions with LA. Pump Maintenance, LLC.

#### Resolved:

The Fire District has ceased all purchasing activity with this company.

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Government)

April 29, 2014

Rozier, Harrington, & McKay, CPA's

PO Box 12178

Alexandria, LA 71315

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of December 31, 2013.

#### Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [ No[]

#### Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [ No [ ]

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes[ No [ ]

#### Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable,

Yes I V No I 1

#### Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes[ V No [ ]

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [ J No [ ]

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yesi 🗸 No [ ]

#### Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [, ] No [ ]

#### Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974

Louisiana	Constitution,	Article VI,	Section :	33 of the	1974 [	_ouistana	Constitution,	and R.S.	39:141	0.60-
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#### Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S., 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your money.

to the issuance of your report

Secretary 5/5/14 Date

Treasurer 5/5/14 Date

Washington Bern President 5/5/14 Date